(b) whether Government have a proposal to connect each and every State capital by rail; and

(c) if so, by which year the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

Capital	State
(i) Imphal	Manipur
(ii) Agartala	Tripura
(iii) Kohima	Nagaland
(iv) Gangtok	Sikkim
(v) Shillong	Meghalaya
(vi) Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh
(vii) Aizwal	Mizoram
(viii) Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir

(b) and (c) A proposal for providing rail link to Agartala is being sent to Plannning Commission and the work will be taken up once necessary approvals have been obtained. As regards Srinagar the work has already been taken up. For the other places there are no proposals at present to construct rail lines in view of the different resource position.

Amount spent on advertisement by the Ministry of Railways

6295. SHRI MOHAMMAD AFZAL *Alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by the Ministry of Railways on advertisements given to the newspapers, direct or through DAVP, etc. during 1994-95, language-wise and Railway Zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): Railway advertisements are not released through D.A.V.P. Railway advertisements are released directly or through advertising agencies to the newspapers. The details of the total amount spent by the Railways for period 1994-95 language-wise and Railway Zone-wise are given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 131]

Action against hawkers in North East Express

6296. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the news item which appeared in the Times of India, Mumbai edition, dated 25th April, 1995 under the caption "Foreign goods find market abroad North-East Express";

(b) whether it is a fact that the vendors are licenced by the Railways for hawking in the running train; if so, what action Government have taken against them;

(c) how many of such hawkers have been apprehended by the Railway authorities and for what offences;

(d) whether it is a fact that marketing of foreign goods falls under the purview of Indian Revenue Department (Customs); and

(e) if so, how many such hawkers and their goods were handed over to the Customs Authorities; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) During the year 1995 (Upto April), nine persons have been arrested in N.E. Express for unauthorised hawking with materials other than smuggled goods by Railways and all of them prosecuted under relevant provisions of Railway Act, 1989.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) None by the Railway authorities, since no such case was detected.